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Subject: RE: UPDATE - RE: Huron Church - gov't planning group + finances
Attachments: Request for meeting with Provincial and Federal Stakeholders.docx

Good afternoon,

I have done some research and can offer the following suggestions

In our situation, we exhausted all local options that the city was aware of. Through OPP the Incident Commander was able to acquire the required resources quickly. Had this request gone through the RFA route the financial result would have been no different we just would have waited longer for an answer and action.

A RFA is typically used as an immediate tool to request resources other than funding after a municipality has exhausted all other avenues. Moving forward an RFA is likely not the correct tool as there is no identified funding stream/program for such an event. That being said, I advised our EMO field officer that an RFA may be forthcoming yet but provided no exact timeline.

To recover cost we should consider the following:

Mayor reach out to local MPP as a starting point for discussion.

Simultaneously, ask EMO via letter to arrange a meeting between City leadership and MMAH, SOLGEN and any other Provincial or Federal ministry/agency that have any connection to this issue to discuss cost recovery. We need to impress upon them that The City of Windsor has spent and will spend an extreme amount of money securing the nations border and ensuring both the provincial and federal economies remain secure.

As for future spending – We should ensure all future expenses that are not directly linked to real time security or Police response activities have some oversight from finance. Chief would it be beneficial to integrate someone from Joe's team into your Logistics or Finance section?

I have included a draft letter for your consideration to get the request for a meeting going.

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Thanks Jason.

Chief Mizuno, I will also advise Melissa Brindley of this as she has been awaiting further clarification on this matter as well. She received email correspondence from MTO regarding the amounts that are payable and has been holding off on any further action pending a response from the Deputy Minister.

Joe.

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It would appear that the new Deputy Minister (MTO) is finding out just how the province works...

He stepped back from both items today that we discussed earlier in the week.

MTO will not be covering the costs of the barriers, although he said he would not be surprised to see an application for the province to assist with those costs (and others?) at some point—no commitment to pay though at this time. Their argument is that we are the road authority and we approved the deployment of the barriers, so we are therefore responsible for these costs. Chief Laforet is preparing the Request for Assistance to the province that will include the resources and the costs. I'm sure part of the issue here is that Ottawa's costs are going to be a significant factor more than ours and the Province is probably wanting to push most if not all of that to the feds.

In terms of the intergovernmental planning table proposal, there's no interest at this time given the ongoing situation in Ottawa. He did say we could reach out to OPP after this weekend is over and discuss with them opening Huron Church back up. He indicated that these are considered local issues by the Deputy Minister of SolGen. We'll continue to work with Chief Mizuno and her team as we consider the reopening of Huron Church next week.

I will be drafting a letter (which I'll provide for your review) that would formally invite a representative from the Deputy Ministers' offices of MMAH, SolGen, MTO, public safety (Fed), (other fed ministries?), as well as CBSA, OPP, Tunnel, and Windsor Police. The purpose would be to consider the long-term resources, infrastructure, inter-governmental agency cooperation and collaboration, including communication and operational protocols, etc., that would be helpful to protect our two international crossings while managing community impacts.

Concurrently, I suspect that the Mayor will make a similar outreach at the political level.

Cheers,

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From: Reynar, Jason

Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 6:00 AM

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Good morning, all.

Just a quick update that I had a good call with Deputy Minister Doug Jones (MTO) who is helping to coordinate a planning table with MTO, SOLGEN, OPP, WPS, and Windsor to discuss the long-term needs to protect our international crossings. I'll let you know once I hear more.

The Deputy also indicated that he understood (but was confirming) that costs like the jersey barriers that were authorized by MTO staff (at OPP's request) would be paid for by the province. Perhaps someone can clarify with the EOC what the process is for bills to get paid and tracked at this point?

Cheers,

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